Bringing Research Institutions of Ocean Development under one Ministry

1772. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister for OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring all the research institutions of Ocean Development under the Ministry, as such institutions are under different Ministries; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shatabdi Express between Trivandrum and Kozhi Khode

1773. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kerala is not having service of Shatabdi Express; and

(b) if so, whether Government would introduce a Shatabdi Express between Trivandrum and Kozhi Khode?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

Trains from Guwahati to Puri, Hyderabad and Mumbai

1774. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct trains between Guwahati-Puri, Guwahati- Hyderabad and Guwahati-Mumbai would be made operative atleast twice a week, considering the need of passengers of the NER;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal at present.